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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 9/11/2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 10-23(renumbered 1-14 respectively).
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 15 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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JOHN PEZZLO
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION***Allowable Subject Matter***

Claims 10-23 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Applicant has claimed the following uniquely distinct features in the instant invention, which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination:

1. Regarding claim 10 - A $2^n \times 2^n$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, $n > 3$, comprising $2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \times 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$ input nodes, each of the $2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ input nodes being a $2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \times 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, $2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \times 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ output nodes, each of the $2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$ output nodes being a $2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \times 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, and an interstage exchange connecting the input nodes to the output nodes, wherein the interstage exchange is a bit-permuting exchange induced by a permutation σ on integers from 1 to n such that σ maps the numbers $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1, \lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 2, \dots, n$, into the set $\{1, 2, \dots, \lceil n/2 \rceil\}$ excluding the bit-permuting exchange equal to the $\lfloor n/2 \rfloor^{\text{th}}$ power of SHUF⁽ⁿ⁾, and wherein each $2^k \times 2^k$ generalized divide-and-conquer network ($k < n$), being representative of each of the input nodes and each of the output nodes, is implemented by forming the bit-permuting 2-stage tensor product, excluding the plain 2-stage tensor product, between a $2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil} \times 2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network and a $2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \times 2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}$ generalized

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divide-and-conquer network, recursively until $k=1$, such that a 2×2 generalized divide-and-conquer network is a single cell.

2. Regarding claim 12 - A $2^n \times 2^n$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, $n > 3$, achieving an optimal layout complexity under the 2-layer Manhattan model with reserved layers and optimal structural modularity among all $2^n \times 2^n$ banyan-type networks, the network comprising $2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \times 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$ input nodes, each of the $2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ input nodes being a $2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} \times 2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, $2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil} 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \times 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ output nodes, each of the $2^{\lceil n/2 \rceil}$ output nodes being a $2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} \times 2^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, and an interstage exchange connecting the input nodes to the output nodes, wherein each $2^k \times 2^k$ generalized divide-and-conquer network ($k < n$), being representative of each of the input nodes and each of the output nodes, is implemented by forming the bit-permuting 2-stage tensor product, excluding the plain 2-stage tensor product, between a $2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil} \times 2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network and a $2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \times 2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, recursively until $k=1$, such that a 2×2 generalized divide-and-conquer network is a single cell.

3. Regarding claim 14 - A method for constructing a $2^n \times 2^n$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, $n > 3$, comprising determining an n -leaf balanced binary tree indicative of the generalized divide-and-conquer network, $n > 3$, and generating a recursive bit-permuting 2-stage interconnection network, excluding the recursive plain 2-stage interconnection network, associated with the n -leaf balanced binary tree.

4. Regarding claim 16 - A method for recursively constructing a $2^n \times 2^n$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, $n > 3$, comprising forming the bit-permuting 2-stage tensor product, excluding the plain 2-stage tensor product, between a $2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil} \times 2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil}$ generalized

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divide-and-conquer network and a $2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \times 2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, and recursively, each $2^k \times 2^k$ generalized divide-and-conquer network ($k < n$) is constructed by forming the bit-permuting 2-stage tensor product, excluding the plain 2-stage tensor product, between a $2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil} \times 2^{\lceil k/2 \rceil}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network and a $2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor} \times 2^{\lfloor k/2 \rfloor}$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, until $k=1$, where a 2×2 generalized divide-and-conquer network is a single cell.

5. Regarding claim 22 - A method for recursively constructing a $2^n \times 2^n$ generalized divide-and-conquer network, $n > 3$, in correspondence to an n -leaf balanced binary tree, the method comprising constructing, in correspondence to the root R of the tree, the $2^n \times 2^n$ generalized divide-and-conquer network by forming the bit-permuting 2-stage tensor product between a $2^p \times 2^p$ generalized divide-and-conquer network which is associated with the left-son of R having a weight of p and a $2^q \times 2^q$ generalized divide-and-conquer network which is associated with the right-son of R having a weight of q , with $|p-q| \leq 1$ and wherein $p = \lceil n/2 \rceil$ and $q = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$, or $p = \lfloor n/2 \rfloor$ and $q = \lceil n/2 \rceil$, and recursively, in correspondence to a generic internal node H with weight k ($k < n$) until $k=1$ and wherein a 2×2 generalized divide-and-conquer network is a single cell, constructing a $2^k \times 2^k$ generalized divide-and-conquer network by forming the bit-permuting 2-stage tensor product between a $2^s \times 2^s$ generalized divide-and-conquer network which is associated with the left-son of H having a weight of s and a $2^t \times 2^t$ generalized divide-and-conquer network which is associated with the right-son of H having a weight of t , with $|s-t| \leq 1$ and wherein $s = \lceil k/2 \rceil$ and $t = \lfloor k/2 \rfloor$, or $s = \lfloor k/2 \rfloor$ and $t = \lceil k/2 \rceil$.

The closest prior art, either singularly or in combination, fail to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

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Conclusion

Claims 10-23 being allowable, **Prosecution On The Merits Is Closed** in this application.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

1. Yazdani et al. (US 6,859,455 B1) discloses a method and apparatus for building and using multi-dimensional index trees for multi-dimensional data objects.
2. Sethi et al. (US 6,269,353 B1) discloses a system for constructing decision tree classifiers using structure-driven induction.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to John Pezzlo whose telephone number is (571) 272-3090. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hassan Kizou, can be reached on (571) 272-3088. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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